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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest chaplain, the Reverend Charles Hart, of Salem, OR.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest chaplain, the Reverend Charles F. Hart, of the Associated Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, our Maker, our God most holy, Your unconditional love surrounds us, and everywhere we look, we see the beauty of Your creative power. We join our hearts with the psalmist who prayed, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the Earth." You are a God of refuge and strength and a very present help in times of important decisions that the men and women of the U.S. Senate will face from day to day.

Our prayer this day, O sovereign Lord, is for Your limitless, fathomless, most holy wisdom and love to permeate these great leaders of our great Nation as they lead the United States of America into the 21st century. May our Nation always be known as peacemakers and peacekeepers.

May the grace and the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Oregon is recognized.

THE REVEREND CHARLES F. HART

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, it is a pleasure today to introduce to my colleagues the Reverend Charles Hart. Reverend Hart understood Christ's words when he told his disciples, "Where your treasure is, there your

heart will be also." Charles Hart's treasure has been in his service to God by acting on his faith with the skills that he has been given and blessed with.

Reverend Hart earned his undergraduate degree at Arlington College in Long Beach, CA. While Reverend Hart's first love was baseball, finance and his faith won out in his life. He began his career with Security Pacific Bank while at the same time serving as the associate pastor of South Bay Church of God in Torrance, CA.

Reverend Hart's skill in finance led to a successful career in the secular world of banking. While this type of success can bring satisfaction, it did not bring to him the deepest satisfaction that comes from serving God full time. At that point, Reverend Hart decided to use his skills as a development officer for a small Christian liberal arts college in California. Reverend Hart has continued in his capacity by lending financial expertise to Christian institutions throughout this career.

From Azusa Pacific University, he went on to Warner Pacific College in Portland where he still serves as a member of the board of trustees. He has also assisted Wycliffe Bible Translators in raising funds to translate God's word to all nationalities and is currently working with the Associated Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington in securing expansion funds. Reverend Hart has also worked to share the treasure of his faith with others in the business community through his 25-year involvement with the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

God provides us all with special skills, and Reverend Hart is a prime example that we can use those skills to better ourselves and the world in which we live.

Again, on behalf of my Senate colleagues, we are privileged that Reverend Hart is willing to fulfill the du-

ties of Senate Chaplain today, and I would like to officially welcome him to this Chamber. Also accompanying him today is his wife, Sally, and his son, Ken Hart, who is my press secretary, and Ken's wife, Sheila.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, this morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the energy and water appropriations bill. Under the agreement reached last night, there will be 30 minutes of debate prior to a series of rollcall votes which will begin at 10 a.m. this morning. Senators should be aware that the first vote in the sequence will be the normal 15 minutes in length with the remaining votes limited to 10 minutes each.

Once again, the majority leader asks for the cooperation of all Members in allowing us to proceed to these votes in an orderly and timely fashion.

Senators should be prepared to remain in or around the Chamber during these stacked votes. During this voting sequence, the Senate will also be voting on amendments and completing action on the legislative appropriations bill. The Senate may remain in session late this evening to consider other available appropriations bills and conference reports that are available. Therefore, additional votes may occur.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1959, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows.

A bill (S. 1959) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal

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